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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
MIDOUX et al
Serial No.: 297,519
Filed: May 3, 1999
For: NOVEL POLYMERIC...MEMBRANES

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AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of July 31, 2001, please amend
this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 45 (amended) A complex comprised of at least one
negatively charged nucleic acid and at least one positively charged
polymeric conjugate with the bond therebetween being electrostatic
in nature,

the polymeric conjugate containing a polylysine formed from
monomers having free NH_3^+ groups,

at least 10% of free NH_3^+ groups of the said polylysine are
substituted by residues which can be protonated in a weakly acid
medium causing destabilization of cell membranes,

and optionally at least one free NH_3^+ group of the said
polylysine is substituted by a molecule with a recognition signal
recognized by a cell membrane receptor,

DO NOT ENTER
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